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[Despatch Abstract]

Post war Devl — Agriculture
Virginia Tobacco — Measures
taken to improve Quality
Trial Report — Recorded

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Copy of letter No.D.2.10/50 dated 10th April 1950 from the Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Food and Agriculture Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub: Tobacco - Post-war Development - Virginia tobacco- Measures taken to improve quality- Progress report- 1949-50.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.709 Development (P & D) dated 14-2-1948.

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In continuation of this office D2.272/49 dated 24-6-1949, I am submitting a further report with reference to para 2 of the G.O. cited.

2. Supply of better strains:- In East Godavari District the demand for improved seed is largely met by Messrs Indian Leaf Tobacco Development Co. Ten lbs. of seed were distributed by the Department and propaganda was carried on among ryots for the proper collection of pure seed for raising the subsequent crop.

A quantity of 60 lb. of H.S.9. was distributed in Kovvur, Polavaram and Tadipalligudem taluks of West Godavari district to cover an area of 480 acres. Arrangements are also being made for multiplication of seeds from seed farms from this area and distribution on a larger scale.

In Krishna district 20 lb. of H.S.9 tobacco seed were distributed in Vijayawada, Nandigama and Tiruvur taluks by the Department. Pure seeds of Harrison Special were also distributed by the Tobacco Market Committee at Vijayawada.

The total seed requirement of Guntur District is 10,000 to cover a lakh of acres under Virginia tobacco. Messrs. I.L.T.D.Co., arrange supply of 3,000 lb. Every year. The balance is met by the ryots who make their own collection from the standing crop. This year a quantity 750 lb. of H.S.9. tobacco seed produced from previous years seed farm was distributed to nurserymen by the Department.

From the scheme financed by the Indian Central Tobacco Committee during 1948-49, 1147 lbs, were collected and distributed in all the virginia tobacco growing districts:-vide this office

letters No.D.2.859/48 dated 1-9-1949. The scheme could not be run in 1949-50 owing to late receipt of proposals. A scheme has, however, been sent to Indian Central Tobacco Committee for producing 6,000 lb. of H.S.9. in 1950-51 and nucleus seed for this scheme is being produced at Agricultural Research Station, Lam.

Only a few acres in Kandukur taluk, Nellore District are under virginia tobacco and the entire area was sown with H.S.9.

The I.C.T.C. has since decided to close down the Cigarettee Tobacco Exploratory stations, Sendarampatti, Elayirampanni, Cuddalore, and Yellamanchelli and continue the station at Nandyal for the third year-vide Government Memo No.46235 ~~X~~49-7 dated 9-3-1950.

3. Eradication of broom rape pest: The Department continued to do vigorous propaganda among the growers for the proper collection of seed material eradication of the Broom rape pest. There is a fall in the incidence of the pest as a result of such propaganda.

4. This will be the final report, as directed in the reference cited.

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Development Department.

POSTWAR DEVELOPMENT - Tobacco - Virginia Tobacco - Measures taken to improve quality - Progress report

Ref: From the D.A. No. D.2.10/50 dated 10-4-50.

In 1945 the Agro- Industries sub-committee of the Postwar Reconstruction committee recommended that legislation should be undertaken for licensing areas that should grow virginia tobacco, so that a system of crop rotation might be insisted on and the gradual lowering of yields prevented. In that connection the D.A. stated that the supply of better strains of seeds to improve the quality of tobacco and systematic propaganda for the eradication of broom rape pest would be sufficient to secure the object in view and that no legislation would be necessary. The Govt accepted his view and ordered that a report should be submitted on the progress of the measures referred to above, after their trial in two seasons.

The D.A. submitted his first annual report in the matter in June 1949 and it was recorded in the G.O. at (D).

The Director has now submitted his final report. Regarding supply of better strains of seeds, the Dept, has been taking steps for the multiplication and distribution of improved seeds in the East Godavari, Krishna and Guntur Districts. The Indian Leaf Tobacco Devt. Co. and the Tobacco Market Committee are also reported to be distributing improved strains to the ryots. For certain schemes financed by the ~~xxxxxxx~~I.C.T.C., nucleus seeds are produced in the Agrl. Research Station at Lam. F & A. Dept is concerned with these schemes.

As regards the eradication of broom rape pest, the Agrl. Dept is reported to be doing vigorous propaganda among the growers, and there is a fall in the incidence of the pest as a result of this propaganda.

No remarks seem called for on this report. It may be recorded. F & A. Dept may also see.

F & A. Dept.

To: A.S.

Please see the D.A.'s-report in the C.F. regarding the measures taken to improve the quality of virginia tobacco and the notes of Dev. Dept. on p.1 above.

A on p.1 C.F. The sanction of the I.C.T.C to meet 50% of the expenditure involved in the production and distribution of 6000 lbs of H.S.9.Tobacco seed at Guntur by the Agrl. Dept. has since been received. and the scheme is under consideration separately.

Re on p.1.C.F. The D.A.'s proposals for the continuance of the Exploratory station at Nandayal for another year from 1-7-50 is separately under consideration.

With these remarks the case may be returned to Dev. Dept.

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Sd/....
23-6-50.

Dev. Dept.

This Dept's notes on p.1 and the F & A Dept's note above may be perused. As already ordered at A and p.1 above, the report in the C.F. may be recorded. A draft order is submitted for approval.

Sd/. P.V.
26-6-50.

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